

Senate Resolution 43

By: Senator Harp of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life and service of former Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)
2 Commissioner Hal Rives and naming an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Hal Rives, a Tucker resident who was originally from Texas, started his career
4 with GDOT as a project engineer in 1953, and also served the Department as a Bridge
5 Designer, the State Road Design Engineer, the Chief Engineer and the Deputy
6 Commissioner; and

7 WHEREAS, he was appointed GDOT Commissioner on May 1, 1987; and

8 WHEREAS, Rives was president of the American Association of State Highway and
9 Transportation Officials (AASHTO) in 1991 and won the prestigious Thomas MacDonald
10 Memorial Award from AASHTO in 1992. The MacDonald Award is given annually to
11 persons "who have rendered continuous outstanding service over an extended period of time
12 and have made some exceptional contributions to the art and science of highway
13 engineering"; and

14 WHEREAS, among his many outstanding accomplishments, Rives implemented Governor
15 Harris's Road Improvement Program for repairing roads and bridges across the state and he
16 was instrumental in the GA 400 extension – the first major toll road in metro Atlanta; and

17 WHEREAS, he helped draft the compromise that ended nine years of fighting between
18 neighborhoods and government and allowed for the construction of Freedom Parkway; and

19 WHEREAS, after his retirement in 1991, after 38 years of dedicated service, Rives did
20 volunteer work with the Atlanta Justice Center and the Fernbank Museum of Natural History,
21 where he was a guide for the Walk Through Time in Georgia exhibit; and

22 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the life of Hal Rives, a tireless public servant whose legacy
23 will be remembered for years to come, be celebrated and memorialized through the
24 dedication of an interchange in his honor.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the life of Hal Rives by dedicating the
27 interchange at US 27A and SR 85, now known as the Warm Springs Road Connector, as the
28 Hal Rives Memorial Interchange.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to place and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this
31 resolution.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Hal Rives and the
34 Department of Transportation.